



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Fallen Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Monday, May 3, 2010
Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

There are twenty-eight names on this wall behind me.

Twenty-eight officers who gave their lives in service to the people of Arizona.

For many Arizonans, who might see this ceremony on television, or hear it on the radio, or read about it on the internet -- or in the newspaper -- just a few names on this wall might sound familiar.

But, there are many others on this wall who should be remembered, even as their service fades with the passing of time.

Names like William Murie.

Officer Murie was en route to Phoenix from Flagstaff back in November of 1980, when he stopped just north of Phoenix on Interstate 17 to assist at a crash scene.

He was struck by a passing vehicle, crushing his legs and wrist.

He died from complications resulting from his injuries. He was only thirty-one.

Names like Bob Martin -- a twenty-seven year veteran who was shot to death during a traffic stop on the Beeline Highway seven miles north of Shea Boulevard in August of 1995.

And, sadly, we added another name to this wall in late December -- Officer Chris Marano, twenty-eight years old -- who died trying to stop a reckless, out-of-control driver.

As Governor, as a wife and mother, I am grateful for the courage and dedication of all DPS officers, and I pray that the badges here shine bright -- and then head safely home to their families.

Those whose names are on this Memorial gave the last full measure of devotion for their community.

We know God's hands brought them home. Their sacrifices will never be forgotten, their memories here always remembered.

Thank you.

May God bless you, and your families, and may God bless all those who keep us safe.